Boston, March 11, 1856.

Dear friend Webb,

If Pillsbury be not yet in Dublin, please take the trouble to read my letter to him, as well as this, — inasmuch as it contains an important message for you; and time does not allow me to add much here. — I hope you have received, all safe, the box I forwarded to you of Liberty Bells, &c., — I also sent to you, by a friend in steamship, 2 weeks since, the portrait of T. Parker and 2 books. In your last letter, you speak of a identical "2d portrait of T. P."; — but that refers, I presume, to the one just sent. I do not understand that I am to send still another. —

I shall be happy to send you, & probably shall, by Train & Co's Ship of March 20th, a parcel containing Mrs. Child's Volumes, and T. Parker's Defence. You understand, I suppose, the risk you run in getting the former thro' your custom house, and that they may be forfeited — is it not so? I believe this rule applies to American books reprinted in England, as well as to such as are originally printed in England; — but of this you could not have been unaware, or forgetful. — I shall be somewhat at a loss about the slate-pencils — to know whether you mean the actual slate pencil, or what is

deemed a very great improvement upon them, which has been much in use for many years, viz. a pencil made from soap stone, or some similar soft stone. — I can get Mrs Child's 3 Volumes for you for $3.75 — possibly a little less, — and will plead your bookseller's avocation all I can. This will be about 15/ sterling for the 3 vols.

Wednesday, March 12,

It is quite too bad that De la Rue's people so overran your order. By all means charge the extra £2.3.6, in your account with me. After all your trouble, and your generous contribution to the bat, it would (I am sure) be very "shabby" for any one to expect you to pay this additional sum out of your own pocket.

When I gave your Message to E. Quincy, he laughed, & told me he had sent you, a week or two previous, a long epistle. I'll engage 'twas a funny one. He said he took all possible shame & blame to himself — ~~&c~~ even to the extent of confessing himself "a hyena" — for his long silence towards you.

You ask if Garrison & Phillips ever saw Miss Murray; I am all but positive that they did not; — but I haven't thought to ask the question of them, & so make it certain. Still, I read your letter to them both. — She staid a little while with Mrs. Follen at Brookline, but I think saw very few of Mrs. F.'s friends, and none of the Antislavery People.

We have been quite amused here at the blunders of some French & Belgian newspapers, in setting down Mr. Banks, — the new Speaker in Congress — as a

black man — led thereto, we suppose, by the title given to his party (by the Slave-ites) "black republican". — The said black republicans & others crowed loudly over his victory election as a great victory — & rds without reason. The South won, for once, beaten on her own ground. But every other election in the House has gone in favour of the Administration & Slavery. — We hear that the Free State legislature of Kansas met March 4th & organized; but we hear nothing more. It is a very critical time with them, and for the whole North, and the interests of Freedom. I am glad you have one so near you, — as Pillsbury, — to tell you correctly just how vile, & shameless, & infamous is our present National Administration — a compound of Frank Pierce, Caleb Cushing, & Jeff. Davis is the vilest that ever was let loose upon men. They are doing everything in their power to annihilate & assassinate the free-State men of Kansas.

I have poured out my soul a little, in my note to Pillsbury, on the 'Infidel' question, J. Griffeth, Maine Webb, &c. "We can't prevent or hope to cure the wretched bigotry of these people; — Douglas & J. Griffeth are badly punished enough now, in their own malice & hypocrisy. So far as there are thinking, candid, honest, just, wise people in your county, who feel a true, human interest in this question of Slavery; I do want to have the facts, as they relate to W. L. G. and F. Douglas, to the Am. A. S. Society & its course, to the scrupulous exclusion of all extraneous matter from its platform, its debates, and (so far as has been possible) from its organ the Standard, and to the Right of every man to form & express his own opinion and faith, — spread before them. The number

of such is very limited in this country; I dare say it is not much more extensive in your country. Whether, for their sake, any publication is needed you can judge; but I feel, myself, very glad that Mr. Garrison designs to write you a letter for the Advocate, going into some of these questions.

Garrison, (who has just come in) says he never saw Miss Murray — is quite sure that Phillips never did; and has heard of none of our friends who did.

Have you seen Anne Weston? I should dearly love to be of the party when she meets you, Miss ... of our trans-atlantic friends. Pray write to me all you know about her movements.

We are commencing preparations for our Annual Meeting in New York — though it is yet nearly 2 months ahead. — Edward Everett is travelling over the land, delivering his eulogy or Oration, ostensibly on G. Washington, but really, as himself and his prospects for the next Presidency, or at least a place in Fillmore's cabinet! Everett is a poor, cold corpse walking about above ground, which hasn't found out yet that it is dead, and ought to be in its proper place — the grave of his own library. It is pitiable to see this old hack running round for votes. His chance is far inferior to what Daniel Webster's was — and we all know what that was.

Samuel J. May, at Syracuse, has been quite ill, and we have felt very anxious about him, — especially as we cannot yet get full particulars. We have heard that it was a severe case of typhoid fever.

I am, Sincerely & Affectionately, Yours S. May Jr.

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